

Hamilton County Commissioners' Meeting  
P.O. Box 1167  
Syracuse, KS 67878  
Meeting Place—Commissioner Room  
Hamilton County Courthouse  
March 4, 2014  
8:30 a.m.

Keith A. Puckett, Chairman  
John R. Simon, Vice-Chairman  
Randall C. Braddock, Commissioner  
Michael W. Lewis, Commissioner  
Nikki Schwerdfeger, Commissioner  
Rob Gale, Attorney  
Angie Moser, County Clerk

Mark Ringer

Commissioner Puckett called the Meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. with all Commissioners present.

AGENDA: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

PRIOR MINUTES: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the February 18, 2014 Commissioner Meeting Minutes as presented. Commissioner Puckett seconded the Motion and it was approved with four "ayes" and one abstention.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING: Commissioner Puckett opened the public hearing at 8:35 a.m. regarding the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan. Leslie Carlholm, Community Development Director discussed the NRP with the Commission. There were no public comments. Commissioner Puckett closed the hearing at 8:58 a.m.

RESOLUTION 2014-5: Commissioner Braddock moved to approve Resolution 2014-5 *Resolution Adopting the Neighborhood Revitalization Program; and designating the Revitalization Area; and entering into Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with other Participating Municipalities*. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

KANSAS BOARD OF EMS: Joe House, Deputy Director of Kansas Board of EMS, discussed concerns of Hamilton County's EMS and whether a nurse/trauma nurse can be a medical provider for EMS. Each type of provider has to meet certain criteria with Kansas Board of EMS. Also discussed the different personnel requirements of responding to 911 calls vs. transfer calls and the possibility of applying for separate permits.

TOM SIMPSON: Mr. Simpson, Tamarisk Golf Course Director, Thad Rash, Don Miller and Matthew Lampe, Tamarisk Golf Course Board Members, discussed their long term plan of equipment needs with a five year rotation. They are looking at a used Greens Mower and a Spray Rig. Commissioner Braddock moved to approve the purchase of a 2004 Toro mower and a 2008 Toro Sprayer for a total cost of \$20,725.00. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HAMILTON COUNTY HOSPITAL: Bryan Coffey, Administrator, discussed the following:

- 1) Presented the Hospital's 2012 and 2011 Audit Report.
- 2) Presented the January, 2014 financial statements and statistics report.
- 3) Gave an update on the accounts receivable aging process. Attorney Gale suggested enclosing a letter with the older bills to explain why the bill is for such a late date of service.

- 4) Commissioner Schwerdfeger asked about the “open door” policy with the Hospital Board regarding employees and the concern that employee’s do not get private access to the Board. Mr. Coffey explained the Hospital’s policy and the chain of command regarding Hospital employees.
- 5) Commissioner Schwerdfeger also asked if the Hospital had a service that performed random drug testing on employees and whether the tests included alcohol testing. Mr. Coffey stated he did not know the details of the Human Resource part of the employee drug testing, but he would find out and report back to the Commissioners.
- 6) Wade Buckley has resigned effective May, 2014 and the Board is currently interviewing for a mid-level provider.
- 7) The Commission discussed EMS options with Mr. Coffey.
- 8) The Commission commended the Hospital Board and Mr. Coffey for their hard work the last year.

SCOTT SELEE: Mr. Selee with the Southwest Kansas Local Environmental Planning Group, presented the 2014 proposed budget for the SWLEPG and discussed various permit fees. Also, Mr. Selee invited the Commissioners to attend an advanced treatment meeting being held on March 25, 2014.

ED BAKER: Mr. Baker, Rural Fire Chief, discussed the need for a burn ban. Commissioner Lewis moved to implement a burn ban to not to exceed 120 days as stated in Resolution No. 2011-9. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Baker for his 35 years of service to the Rural Fire Department.

5-YEAR PLAN: The 5-year plan was reviewed.

ROAD PROJECT LIST: The Road Project List was reviewed. Road B will be added to the list. Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, will check into the price of leasing a milling machine.

HUNTER SAFETY DONATION: Commissioner Lewis moved to approve a donation in the amount of \$250.00 for the Hunter Safety Class meal to be paid from the Diversion Fund. Commissioner Schwerdfeger seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

VIP VAN: Commissioner Braddock reported his findings regarding the cost of a conversion van for the VIP center. Commissioner Simon will speak to the VIP Director regarding the existing conversion van and report back.

SNOW BLOWER FOR COURTHOUSE: Different options for a snow blower were discussed. It was decided to have Carla Patchett, Courthouse Custodian, attend the next Commission meeting to discuss this further.

SOLID WASTE PLANNING COMMITTEE RE-APPOINTMENTS: Commissioner Lewis moved to re-appoint Mike Buxton and Randy Smith to the Solid Waste Planning Committee for a four year term ending March 31, 2018. Commissioner Braddock seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

GRAVEL PIT LEASE: Mike Buxton, Director of Rural Operations, discussed different potential sites for a gravel pit. Commissioner Simon moved to enter into a Sand, Rock and Gravel Lease with Sandra Dikeman located at NW 34-24-38. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was approved with four “ayes” and one abstention.

WARRANTS: After review and discussion, Commissioner Simon moved to approve the Warrants in the amount of \$102,752.06. Commissioner Lewis seconded the Motion and it was unanimously approved.

HOSPITAL NO-FUND WARRANTS: None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

As there was no more business to come before the meeting, Commissioner Braddock moved for adjournment. Commissioner Lewis seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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